



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

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Special points of interest:

There are more than **870,000** sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. About **11.7** percent of those are female.

Milk-Bone and Dillons donate drug dog

Milk-Bone and Dillons presented a \$6,500 check to the Wichita Police Department on June 4 for the purchase of a new drug dog, a Belgian Malinois. This is the third dog that Milk-Bone and Dillons have sponsored, and she will be assigned to the Patrol South Bureau. "Kelly" will attend two intensive



WPD now has three drug dogs: Kelly, Elza and Rex.

months of initial training in Hutchinson before she comes back to Wichita to live and work with her new handler Officer Chad Cooper.

A huge crowd turned out at the Dillons at 37th and Woodlawn to welcome Kelly to WPD's law enforcement family. Businesses who contributed to the dog

project were recognized for their donation.



Capt. Speer accepts the donation for the new drug dog.



Officer Chad Cooper, Patrol South, is WPD's newest dog handler.

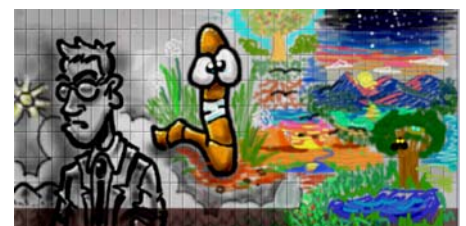
Citizen appreciates police gang efforts

Officer Silva,

Just wanted to let you know how much I, and a number of citizens, appreciated seeing in the Eagle recently how the City was making juveniles paint over graffiti. We all felt that was a positive move.

Most of all I was glad you were able to contact Father Weldon. I hope he will be working with you. Again I want to applaud all the work the police department is doing trying to combat the gang situation.

Bev K.



Weed and Seed partnership producing results



Patrol North personnel and members of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee administered a survey to residents who live in the Weed and Seed area during the month of June.

Lt. Doug Nolte reported that the project was a success and that Weed and Seed is one example of a police/community partnership that is really working and producing positive results.



Restaurant customers apprehend robber and hold for police

Ms. A. and Ms. E. were working their regular shift at the Italian Gardens Restaurant at 3920 W. Douglas on June 10 when a man entered the business and told them he needed to pick up an order to go.

The man approached the register as if he was going to pay for the meal. As Ms. A. opened the cash drawer, he jumped partway over the counter and started grabbing the cash from the drawer. Ms. A. attempted to close

the drawer and yelled for help. She then picked up a calculator and struck the suspect. Ms. E. who was working nearby and heard the disturbance, jumped on the suspect's back and called for help as well.

Several customers heard the disturbance, and four male customers approached the suspect and physically restrained him. The



men pulled the suspect to the ground and used a strap to tie him up and hold him until police officers arrived.

The four men went out of their way to apprehend a violent suspect and to hold him for police, despite the danger that was posed to them. All of the citizens involved willingly placed themselves in harms way to apprehend a robbery suspect and assist Wichita police officers in making this city a safer place.

Property and Evidence moves into new, first class facility



Staff: Scott Pike, Anne Keazer, Donna Richard, JoEtta Richardson, John Gray, Nancy Bowles, Millie Burgett,

Property and Evidence hosted an open house on June 15 at their new facility located in the Rounds and Porter building at 430 N. Waco.

The new facility has a number of exciting features including a walk-in freezer for biological evidence, an inside bay to process vehicles, an inside drop area and an area for Crime Scene Investigators to process large items.

The new facility will maintain the same business hours as the old facility-8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.



Scott Pike, JoEtta Richardson and Chief Williams listen as DC Terri Moses talks about the new facility.

Did You Know.....

During the month of June, WPD members received 80 CPRs that were generated internally and 74 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened five external complaints on members of the Department during June. There were 25 internal complaints filed against Department employees in June.

In the month of June, Field Services personnel issued 6,763 moving citations and 1,546 parking citations.

Leadership Kansas is a statewide program designed to enhance and motivate future leaders of the state of Kansas. Each year more than 400 people are nominated for



Detective Kelly Mar talks about the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Milk-bone dog donation event at Dillons.

the program, and only a few are selected to participate.

Chief Norman Williams is one of this year's 35 participants. The participants visit six cities in Kansas and are exposed to a variety of topics including business, education, agriculture, public policy, social health, economics and government. Deputy Chief Terri Moses is a Leadership Kansas alumni.

Officers Shay Wash, Ramon Machain, and Eric Nespor are instructors for the Bicycle Safety clinics. Through the end of June there have been 13 clinics with 262 kids participating.

Lt. Kevin Vaughn conducted Active Shooter refresher training for patrol officers June 1-3. A total of 38 officers attended the training and the feedback was very positive.

The Pre-employment staff at Training worked in June to complete hiring for the July recruit class. There were 14 conditional job offers approved, five of which were overfills. One of the 14 did not successfully complete the final hiring steps, so the July class started with 13 recruit officers.

The Police Reserve Section provided 871 hours of service to the Department in June.

The Mounted Unit participated in seven events in June. Danny (the horse) was de-commissioned due to behavioral problems. A new donation has been identified to replace "Danny."

The Air Section worked with FLIR Systems to conduct a one-week demonstration of late generation infrared technology and moving maps between June 13th and 20th.

Police Officers spend the day with youth at FOP Lake



A number of area youth enjoyed a day of fishing with law enforcement personnel at the FOP Lake on June 14.

Many of the youth live at the Windridge Apartments where Patrol West used the SARA model to make a significant reduction in crime and simultaneously improve the quality of life of citizens living in that complex.



Student volunteers make a difference in South Wichita

Officer Dwain Diehl was contacted by Pastor Bob Gleason, Woodridge Christian Church, 12111 E. 13th St., about the annual Mission Week community service. Pastor Gleason advised that high school volunteers associated with the Disciples of Christ go to a different city each year and volunteer by helping the needy and providing services to improve the quality of life within neighborhoods.



After checking with members in the Patrol South community, it was determined that they had concerns with the condition of the alleys in the area.

On June 30, 43 volunteers from the Disciples of Christ Mission, along with members of the Wichita Police Department, Public Works and the Health Department did an alley clean up.

Randy Thome, Public Works Supervisor, arranged to have a packer truck, three dump trucks, and bush hogs to assist with the event.

A total of 11.52 tons of trash, rock and junk were picked up in the alleys. A total of 52 tires were removed, and taken for disposal by Jennifer Coffey, Health Department inspector. Officer Diehl and Officer Kelly Obrien assisted by organizing the event and furnishing refreshments for all the volunteers.

The event was successful, and would never have been



accomplished without the partnership of everyone involved. Since the clean up, several citizens have commented how nice the alleys look.



Patrol West Sergeant spots crime trend and nabs burglars

Sgt. Randy Reynolds compiled information on 15 burglaries that occurred over the weekend of June 4 and 5 in west Wichita. He shared the information with officers on all shifts, and immediately set up a special assignment in response to the crime trend.

During the early morning hours of June 6, Sgt. Reynolds increased his patrol efforts around various businesses that he believed to be possible targets of the burglar(s). While patrolling he ob-

served a suspicious character walking in the area of Kellogg and Tyler.

After initiating contact with the person, he discovered property that was possibly taken in one of the burglaries.

The suspect lead Sgt. Reynolds and other officers to a hotel room where a second suspect was located along with property taken in five of the burglaries.

Sgt. Reynolds was also the affi-

ant on the search warrant for the hotel room. Both suspects were charged with five counts of burglary and pending further investigation, may be linked to several other burglaries.

Sgt. Reynolds's diligence and devotion to duty resulted in the apprehension of two burglars and the recovery of property. His initiative and immediate response to a crime trend was an excellent example to all officers.

Special assignment nets serial robber at Taco Tico

After a series of robberies at Taco Tico restaurants, (one store had been robbed three times by the same individual) a special assignment was established to apprehend the serial robber.

On the night of June 9, two Taco Tico stores were identified by detectives as possible targets, with one being 3131 N. Rock Road. Detectives Eddie Melon-Moran and Matt Hall were assigned to the detail along with Officers Brandi Turner and Robert Kempf.

After conducting surveillance for approximately three hours in their unmarked units, Detectives Hall and Melon-Moran observed a male walking suspiciously around the restaurant. The suspect was wearing the same type of clothing described in the other robberies.

The subject disappeared from the area for a few minutes, but Detective Melon-Moran noticed when the suspect returned to the area.

The suspect then entered the restaurant. What the detectives didn't know, was that the employees had fled out the back door.

As they drove closer to investigate, the suspect walked out to the parking lot. Detectives Hall and Melon-Moran noted that the suspect was not carrying anything to indicate he had made a pur-



chase, so they decided to make contact. As they were pulling into the parking lot, the suspect took off jogging.

As they pulled closer to him, Detective Melon-Moran identified himself and ordered the suspect to stop. Then the suspect broke into a full run.

Seconds later, the suspect ran into Officer Brandi Turner who

had set up a position to the north. Officer Turner ordered the suspect to the ground, but he continued to run and Officer Turner began to chase the suspect on foot.

Detective Hall took Officer Turner's patrol vehicle and followed. The foot chase continued for approximately one-third of a mile when it ended at a chain link fence adjacent to highway K-96. Detective Hall observed the suspect attempting to hide in the tall weeds adjacent the highway.

Officer Turner arrived as Detective Hall ordered the suspect to the ground. Detective Hall jumped the fence to take the suspect into custody, but the suspect began to run again.

Fortunately, the suspect got tangled up in the chain link fence and Detective Hall and Officer Turner successfully took him into custody.

Detective Melon-Moran and Officer Kempf were following in the patrol vehicle, attempting to head the suspect off. They converged at the same time to assist in the apprehension.

Spring Recruit class graduates 16 new officers during June ceremony

The 2005 Spring Recruit class of the Wichita Police Department graduated on June 17 during a



Sixteen police recruits graduated during a ceremony on June 17.

ceremony in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The graduating class included 16 Police Officers and one Airport Safety Officer. Mayor Carlos Mayans conducted the swearing in of the new law enforcement officers, and there were remarks from Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams, Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, and the class president Officer Francois Do.

Other graduates included Robert Adams, Edward Caban, Jeremy Carter, Clint Cartwright,

Nicholas Halls, Robert Henning, Kourt Klaassen, Elisa Lau, Nicholas Long, Juan Moreno, Jose Navarro, Stephanie Neal, Terry Nelson Jr., Rowland Rederbaugh Jr., and Ryan Snyder.

The recruits are currently completing their field training.



Class president Francois Do

City of Wichita

Members of the BTK task force escort victims' family members to the June 27 hearing where Dennis Rader pleaded guilty.

BTK Task Force



Officer's actions re-unite mother and child

Last spring Officer Jason Pfeifer received a call to check for a missing child from Long Beach, California. Detective Turner of the Long Beach Police Department had called in the information.

Detective Turner told Officer Pfeifer they believed that a woman by the name of R. M. had possibly taken the missing six-year-old boy. The Long Beach detective provided a possible address, which belonged to North High School. Officer Pfeifer knew that this could not be the correct address so he contacted the School Resource Officer James McCargo and had him check for names similar to the suspect, hoping that this could possibly produce a lead to follow.

The Board of Education had several matches and when comparing addresses, Officer Pfeifer found that three children had similar, but different addresses on

North Emporia. He sat off of the area and observed several children walk into an apartment building on Emporia. Officer Pfeifer then went to the apartment believed the children had entered and made contact with the suspect — R. M.

Officer Pfeifer asked R.M. if she knew the child in question and she told him that she did. She said that the child was her son and he was currently at Park Elementary.

Officer Pfeifer, understanding the delicacy of this situation, downplayed why he was there and told her that he would come back later. He immediately went to the school and contacted staff who confirmed that the child was present.

As Officer Pfeifer was waiting for the child to be brought to the office, he saw R.M. and her husband coming down the hall of the school. They were there to retrieve the child. Officer Pfeifer took the boy

into protective custody and the child was subsequently reunited with his mother in California. The mother had not seen her son in four years.

Detective Turner of the Long Beach Police Department said that his Commander, Jeffry L. Johnson, was very impressed with Officers Pfeifer's actions on this case.

Commander Johnson subsequently sent a letter of appreciation to the Wichita Police Department concerning this incident.

He stated in his letter "Keeping in mind the small clue that had been provided, Detective Turner was very impressed with the accomplishments of Officer Pfeifer. Because of Officer Pfeifer's investigation skills, willingness to help, professionalism, and attention to detail, a mother was reunited with her child, after having not seen the child for four years."